

Government Coordination & Decision Making Glossary

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

GCD1. Number of CZM programs that support local governments through:

- a) technical assistance programs (i.e. dedicated staff time)**
- b) financial assistance**

The purpose of this measure is to describe the role of CZM programs in supporting local governments in balancing coastal uses and improving local decision-making. Programs should identify the types of government entities that will be included as local governments in the coastal zone. For coastal management programs without formal local government bodies, this measure can include assistance to unincorporated bodies or local groups that represent local interests. This measure requires a response of “YES” or “NO” to the following questions:

- 1) Does the CZM program use CZMA federal or matching funds to provide technical assistance programs for local governments in the coastal zone?
- 2) Does the CZM program provide CZMA federal or matching funds as financial assistance to local governments in the coastal zone?

GCD2. Percent of CZMA funds used to support local governments through:

- a) technical assistance programs (i.e. dedicated staff time)**
- b) financial assistance**

The purpose of this measure is to quantify the financial resources allocated by CZM programs to support local governments. Programs should use the same local government entities that were used for GCD1. Report the following:

- 1) The total number of CZMA federal and matching funds used to support local governments in the coastal zone during your reporting period;
- 2) The number of CZMA funds used for technical assistance; and
- 3) The number of CZMA funds provided as financial assistance.

GCD3. Percent of federal consistency projects that are consistent with program standards, by category:

- a) Percent of projects consistent with program standards as originally proposed**
 - 1) federal agency activities**
 - 2) federal license or permit activities**
 - 3) projects implemented under Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) plans**
 - 4) federal financial assistance to state agencies and local governments**
- b) Percent of projects consistent with program standards as a result of consultation and modifications**
 - 1) federal agency activities**
 - 2) federal license or permit activities**
 - 3) projects implemented under OCS plans**
 - 4) federal financial assistance to state agencies and local governments**

The purpose of this measure is to describe the role of CZM programs in reviewing and approving federal consistency projects for each of the four categories above. If your state or territory does not have an OCS plan, report “Not Applicable” for category 3. Report the following for each category 1-4:

- 1) The total number of federal consistency projects received during your reporting period;
- 2) The number of projects that were approved as originally proposed to the CZM program. This should include projects proposed during early coordination meetings that met state standards; and
- 3) The number of projects that were approved due to modifications resulting from consultation with the CZM program.

GCD4. Number of educational activities (including stewardship events) and training opportunities offered by the CZM program

The purpose of this measure is to describe the role of CZM programs in providing education and training opportunities to decision-makers, coastal management professionals, and the public. Educational activities can include both field events where the public participates in activities such as beach cleanups or removal of invasive species to indoor events such as programs at coastal parks or education fairs. Training opportunities can include events for both the public as well as for agencies and other professional audiences. Training opportunities can include events such as workshops, conferences, or training tailored to a specific audience, such as wetland regulators. Training opportunities can include Internet training materials used to provide remote access to specific training topics. Internet training should only be reported during the reporting period in which it is first made available through the Internet. If additional materials or substantial updates are made during a later reporting period, you can decide if it is appropriate to report it as a new training opportunity. Report the following:

- The number of educational activities and training opportunities provided using CZMA federal or matching funds during your reporting period.

GCD5. Number of participants in educational activities and training opportunities offered by the CZM program

The purpose of this measure is to quantify the level of participation in CZM educational activities and training opportunities. Do not use estimates if the number of participants was not recorded. You may use the number of web hits recorded for Internet training material if registration is not required. Report the following:

- The total number of people that participated in the educational activities and training opportunities reported for measure GCD4.

GCD6. Number of CZMA dollars spent per year on research and tools (including surveys) to improve coastal management decision-making

The purpose of this measure is quantify the impact of CZM programs in supporting research and tools to improve coastal management decision-making. Research can include on-going environmental monitoring or remote sensing that is used to assist coastal management decision-making. Tools to improve decision-making can include socio-economic or environmental surveys, data collection and management techniques or software, and other management tools funded with federal or matching CZMA dollars. Report the following:

- The number of federal and matching CZMA dollars spent during your reporting period on research and tools to improve coastal decision-making.

GCD7. Number of approved CZM programs that have adopted streamlined permitting processes (through joint interagency review, general permits, etc.)

The purpose of this measure is to describe the role of CZM programs in improving government coordination and streamlining government processes. There is no time limit incorporated into this measure. Your program may want to establish a time limit for when streamlining initiatives will be considered for this measure. For example, you may want to establish a 5-year cycle so that if new streamlining or substantial improvements have not occurred, your response will be changed to “No”. This measure requires a response of “YES” or “NO” to the following question:

- Has your CZM program adopted streamlined or substantially improved permitting processes that affect the coastal zone?

GCD8. Number of approved CZM programs that have up-to-date program management plans

The purpose of this measure is to describe the role of CZM programs in maintaining a program document that clearly identifies the state program’s enforceable policies and how the program meets the requirements of the CZMA. The program management plan is based on your original program approval document and explains how the program meets the requirements of the CZMA, program organization, state enforceable policies, and state priorities. Updates to plans can be considered if they are made available to the public through paper copies or through the Internet. Your program should establish criteria to determine if the plan is up-to-date based on your needs and program organization. For example, you may choose to respond “Yes” if you regularly update information about your federal consistency program and enforceable policies and consider this to be the only portion of your coastal management program that required updating during your reporting period. This measure requires a response of “YES” or “NO” to the following question:

- Is your coastal management program plan up-to-date?

GCD9. Number of approved CZM programs that have program guides to improve public understanding of the program

The purpose of this measure is to describe the role of CZM programs in facilitating and improving public participation in coastal management decision-making. Program guides can include guides available primarily through the Internet. A program guide should be considered if it provides the public with information about the approved CZM program, including regulatory programs, grant and technical assistance programs, and federal consistency programs. Guides that provide information about how the public can participate in permitting or consistency decisions, coastal councils and other decision-making groups, and other opportunities for public comments should also be considered. This measure requires a response of “YES” or “NO” to the following question:

- Does your CZM program have guides to improve public understanding of the program?